

## The Intelligencer.

No. 25 and 27 Fourteenth Street.

The market is quiet at Pittsburgh, but there is no pressure to sell. There is an expectation of a revived demand for the products of the iron and steel industry. The reports as to building prospects are such as to create this expectation.

It is a little showing to what extent the iron market has driven west. The iron and steel industry is now in a position to produce a large quantity of goods for export.

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## WASHINGTON NEWS.

## COLONEL COOK'S RETIREMENT.

From the Star Route Cases—Why he was "Frozen Out"—Status of Sergeant Mason's Case.

His Harried Return to Albany—National State Commerce Affairs, &c.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—The "Only" Col. Cook, who has been for some time under the Government's employ at \$100 per day, using up the material gathered by Gibson and Woodward in the basement of the Postoffice Department, in the frantic but vain effort to convict one, any one of the star route frauds, has resigned.

He says that Col. George Bliss has "frozen him out." Bliss came into the case as his assistant while he had charge of the cases, and lowered the temperature in Gibson's vicinity until the latter retired.

Mr. Bliss has discharged Mr. Newcomb, and has monopolized so much of the case that the Colonel's honor and self respect will not allow him to remain. When one comes to consider the grand, gloomy and peculiar failure which the Colonel has been as an attorney in the Star Route prosecutions, and the fact that all the tangible results in the cases have been attained since the advent of Messrs. Bliss and Brewster on them, the taxpayers of the United States can see him go with dry eyes and unstrung heartstrings.

Associated Press Dispatch.—W. A. Cook, of the Star Route prosecution, states that his reason for resigning was owing to the evident purpose to freeze him out, as had been done in the case of Gibson and the original detectives employed in the case. He claims to have been encouraged by Arthur's administration; that the last indictments were not shown him, and cites as a remarkable fact the purchase by George Bliss some time ago of the National Republic for \$40,000, which he paid Brady, and at the same time keeping on the paper all the friends of the Star Route men.

A prominent attorney for the defense stated to-day that he thought Cook had made a mistake in talking but admitting that his (Cook) had not been treated right. Cook's resignation is now in the hands of the Attorney General.

Mr. Cook further said that he was confident that conviction would have followed in most of the cases. But from the extraordinary proceedings since the advent of Bliss he did not think it augured well for the success of the prosecution. The interview excites great comment, and Cook's intention to say more excites all the parties interested in the case. He also says that present administration does not manifest the same earnestness in the prosecution of these cases as that of General Garfield, with whom he had, he says, a long interview, three nights before the assassination.

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## House Committee on the Inter State Commerce Bill.

He held the difficulties attending railroad transportation were not just the result of special legislation in this country, but were inherent in the railway system.

The general features of the problem are too large to be dealt with at this session of Congress, and he recommended that the committee continue its examination of the subject during the recess, or that a commission be appointed to report at the next session of Congress. He said the principal questions to be decided from a practical standpoint were:

First—Have the services of the railroad been rendered at a reasonable cost?

Second—Has the cost been equitably assessed upon the people?

The people, he maintained, were deluded by demagogical talk of railroad monopolies. In submitting the statistics showing the extent of our railway system, he said there were nearly as many miles of railroad in this country as there are in the rest of the world. No greater calamity could happen to the people of this country than the passage of the Reagan bill.

Henry G. on West Virginia's Debt. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Senator Davis says that since his return from West Virginia he has heard considerable talk about the West Virginia debt and the injustice of her bearing the burden that has been thrown upon her by Virginia. He said that he proposed to take the stand that West Virginia should pay her debt itself whatever it was without a question as to its justice. She was entering an era of development that pictured great prosperity for her in the future, and she could not afford to take any risks as to her credit. He was gratified, he said, to find nearly the entire Republican party of the State with him in this feeling.

Personal Notes.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—John A. Black, of West Virginia, was among the graduates of the medical department of the Columbia University last night.

Mr. Schallenger presented in the House yesterday the petition of D. Hart and other honorably discharged soldiers, residents of Washington county, Pa., in favor of the passage of the bill to establish a Soldiers' Home at Erie.

A Ghost of the Past. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Shadowy recollections of the troublous times of the dead past came tumbling up to-day in the Senate, with a resolution to pay Hamburg Butler \$5,000 and William Pitt Kellogg \$9,000, to reimburse them for the trouble and expense incurred in defending the title to their seats.

West Virginia Postmasters. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Wm. E. Wilson has been commissioned postmaster at the new postoffice established at Knoxville, Taylor county, W. Va.; C. Dunlap, at Penill, and James Collins, at Beall's Mills, West Va. Their commissions as postmasters have all been forwarded.

David Island Dam Appropriation. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—The Senate today passed the House bill appropriating \$100,000 for continuing the work on the David Island dam. The bill passed as it came from the House, without amendment.

ABOUT THE ASSASSIN.

How He Looks, What He Is and What He Thinks He Is.

St. Louis, March 17.—An editorial letter from Washington in the Post-Dispatch gives a long account of a recent visit to Gaitan in his cell. The writer says:

Gaitan does not look like any of his photographs, nor does he resemble the descriptions given of him by the reporters. He is, the letter says, a common place person, manifests great eagerness to get money and presents and has no signs of lunacy. He is allowed to sell his photographs and autographs, and is receiving nearly fifty dollars per day.

The most of this money he sends to his publisher, "Gibson," who is getting out another edition of his book (Truth) at the present time. He has also given some money to his sister for things she sent him. Last week he sent \$100 to Scoville, his lawyer, \$50 to his brother in Boston and \$200 to his publisher. He handles greenbacks like a bank teller, and talks about the different points and features of his photos precisely as if he were behind a counter selling ribbons or lace.

A Referring to Gaitan's sanity, the writer said: "The only exception to the man's perfectly rational and common-place talk comes in the case of the man who was shot at the National Republican Convention, mentioned. Gaitan immediately directed a manner and broke out in a furious attack with clenched fist, and arm raised and gesticulating, cried out as loud as his voice allowed that these star wars papers were all abusing Garfield until God's man came to remove him, and now they abuse God's man. This outburst was short, however, and after it was over he resumed his calm and business-like manner, and then talked of his life and his future in a high and lofty manner. He seems hopeful that in some way he will, to use his own language, get relief. He is allowed to read all New York and Washington newspapers, and knows the names and features of the men in the country. He seemed to be delighted at the publication of Rosewater's letter. He is, he says, well satisfied with his life, whatever be the end.

He lives comfortably. He has two cells, one of which is the office of the warden, in the most elegant jail I ever saw. He feels his importance and notoriety and enjoys his ease, and, for the first time in his life, a regular ample income. The warden feels that even if he be hung he has cut at least a figure in the world. The extraordinary kind and generous treatment of the Government makes his last days the happiest and most comfortable of his whole life.

Certainly no one can see his surroundings and observe his life without being touched by the remarkable charity and consideration with which this miserable assassin is allowed to transform the jail into a place of luxury and comfort, money making and notoriety seeking.

Emigrant Highwaymen.

Des Moines, March 17.—The Republican's special reporter on the subject of the Kansas Pacific Railroad, his brother and John Ebberts were shot by two emigrants, Thos. Woolton and Jas. McCullen, on Wednesday. The section men and emigrants had some trouble in the morning while the section men were at breakfast. The emigrants entered and ordered the men to hold up their hands. The order not being obeyed, the emigrants immediately opened fire. One of the Pittmans was wounded in the shoulder, and the other in the thigh, and Ebberts was wounded in the face. Woolton was shot in the shoulder by one of the Pittmans. After the shooting the emigrants robbed the wounded section men and escaped. It is not known whether any of the wounds will prove fatal.

## THE STATE OF TRADE.

## THE WEEKLY BUSINESS REVIEW.

Full and Exhaustive Reports from the Front Commercial and Trade Centers of the Country, Showing the Condition of Business and Future Prospects.

NEW YORK, March 17.—The week opened uneventfully in commercial circles, because of the backwardness of the season, somewhat restricted the demand for merchandise and a steady decline in the value of securities. This seems to have given way to a tone of greater confidence, probably in sympathy with the improvement which set in on Wall street, and the week closes with an easy money market, a better price for merchandise and a more hopeful feeling generally.

The grain market gradually tended upwards and with hardly a break or cessation in the advance. Corn was the leading feature, having advanced 3/4c per bushel, and wheat 1/2c, the highest price attained for the season. The market closed strong.

Lard and pork have been steadily advancing with slight fluctuations, and closed steadily at the advance.

In the sugar part of the week, was fairly steady, then there was an advance and the market closed strong.

No feature of special interest in the wool trade.

In petroleum business has been quite late and prices closed fairly strong at a fraction less than last week ago.

Freights dull and unsatisfactory. Petroleum is in moderate request, and the steamers are doing something in grain. Outside of this there is a sick market.

In the cotton market there was no active feature. Prices will be kept up and the stocks in first hands do not accumulate rapidly. In Scotch pig iron the market is dull, unsettled and lower. Prices are said to have been accepted in several instances.

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## CENTS AND CLOSING.

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The cotton market is dull and depressed, and operators do not evince any desire to ship to other markets owing to the heavy stock already on hand at all points. The shipments during the week were 922,000 bales.

CINCINNATI, March 17.—The weather has been more favorable during the week, but the rain is falling again this afternoon which is not favorable to the farmers or the merchants. Farm work has not yet been materially interfered with, as the ground has not been frozen recently, and but for the excessive rains, the spring crops would be what is known as early. The rains in the country continue to be in a bad condition and as a consequence business is dull and collections very unsatisfactory. This condition is leading to a general cutting out of the credit and the price of the volume of business. Dealers, however, feel better satisfied with smaller sales and more secure pay. The general situation of business may be characterized as dull, though some branches are active, the most conspicuous being the grocery trade. Prices are strong in staples, with an upward tendency.

Roots and shoes show some improvement, but the floods affect a considerable portion of the field supplied from this city, and very few of course have been able to trade. Clothing has been stagnant owing to the winter weather and the overstock of heavy goods.

Dry goods are slightly improving and are in good condition owing to the rise in cotton and the value of the stocks. Orders being to show a revival of activity. Iron is unchanged, in good demand and no concessions in prices.

Money continues stringent at 6 1/2c per cent. The banks have been drained during the past six days of nearly seven millions of deposits and carrying a full rate of discounts. Eastern exchange is abnormally strong, owing to the large drafts recently made on the banks here by New York.

Grain has had a revival during the week, and is in good demand. Corn is sold as high as 80c and mixed 68 1/2c; what has reached \$1.32. Oats were also much stronger and No. 2 mixed has sold at 50c. Provisions are firmer and higher, with a good demand. Holders, however, are slow to part with stocks, and prices are not heavy, and which they have obtained at prices that will warrant higher prices than the present.

BALTIMORE, March 17.—The past week has shown no special feature in the money and stock markets. There were some inquiries for market and a few sales. The grain market was irregular, but prices have constantly advanced until business was checked, prices being far above the shippers' views.

Flour ruled very firm and the market was in good demand. To-day the holders were firm, but there was a little done, as buyers would not respond to the demands of the sellers.

The provision market is dull at about steady prices.

Butter is firm at the highest prices of the winter for good stock; inferior grades are cheap. Cheese is fairly active at full rates for jobs.

Eggs active, but prices declining. Sugar ruled steadily throughout the week with no change in prices.

Coffee very firm with an advance of 1c on all descriptions.

Live stock fairly active. Beef cattle are higher. Hogs dull at last week's rates. Sheep continued scarce, and all the receipts were taken at first prices.

BOSTON, March 17.—The following will appear in the Boston Herald: The Boston Commercial Bulletin on Saturday.

The cotton market continued to gain strength during the week, and a further advance of 1c occurred.